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## PRESS RELEASE

## TWO FUGITIVES NABBED

(Baton Rouge, LA)—Investigators with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office Fugitive Apprehension Unit (FAU) nabbed two fugitives April 20, 2010.

The FAU, working with the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Fugitive Apprehension Unit, located Richard Gerdes in Houston, Texas. Gerdes was arrested in Houston as a fugitive from the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office for aggravated rape. The outstanding warrant was issued February 23, 2010. He is currently awaiting extradition to St. Bernard Parish.

In a separate case, FAU investigators arrested Kermit Leger of Baton Rouge as a fugitive from the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for felony theft in the amount of \$6,500.00. The arrest occurred as the result of a joint investigation involving the FAU, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office. The outstanding warrant was issued April 8, 2010. Leger was booked into the Livingston Parish Prison where he will later be transported to West Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

The Louisiana Department of Justice Fugitive Apprehension Unit was created under Attorney General Buddy Caldwell for the purpose of assisting local law enforcement agencies in locating and apprehending fugitives from justice. Since the unit was established in 2008, over 300 fugitive arrests have been made. For Fiscal Year 09-10, the FAU has made 134 arrests to date. Any law enforcement agency needing assistance in locating and/or apprehending a wanted individual can contact FAU Unit

Commander John Bosco at (225) 326-6100. A list of the Attorney General's Office Most

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